Front Cover: Front Cover:

We would like to acknowledge the many years of service Mary Bride has given to the Town of Clarendon – and our neighboring towns – through her employment at Mill River Union High School.

This April marks 35 years of service for Mary at MRUHS. She works in the front office, where she has served as doorkeeper, greeter to all visitors, clearinghouse for all those arriving late or leaving early, depot for forgotten backpacks dropped off by Mom or Dad, and "mother hen" to many students! Prior to 2001, she and Ken Webb were put in charge of graduations, and she's been at that ever since! Literally hundreds of students and most of our families in Clarendon and the other towns of the Mill River District have benefitted from or been touched by her hard work!

She continues to be devoted to her work with the students, doing her part to keep MRUHS flowing during the day and producing smoothly-run, memorable graduations for your families. Thank you, Mary.

TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Number	911
To Report Fires	911
Regional Ambulance	802-773-1700
State Police	802-773-9101
Rutland County Sheriff's Office	802-775-8002
Clarendon Volunteer Fire Dept.	802-773-6292
Clarendon Post Office	802-773-7893
Bailey Memorial Library	802-747-7743
Schools:	
Clarendon Elementary	802-775-5379
Mill River High School	802-775-1925
Superintendent Office	802-775-3264
Town:	
Town Clerk's Office	802-775-4274 ext. 1
Treasurer's Office	802-775-4274 ext. 2
Select Board Assistant	802-747-4274 ext. 3
Lister Office	802-775-4274 ext. 4
Delinquent Tax Collector	802-775-4274 ext. 5
Road Commissioner	802-345-2193
Zoning Administrator	802-683-9984
Transfer Station	802-775-9650

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2023

ELECTED:	TERM EXPIRES
Town Moderator: 1-year term	
Robert S. Congdon Jr.	3/24
Town Clerk: 3-year term	
Gloria Menard	3/26
Treasurer: 3-year term	
Heidi Congdon	3/26
Selectmen: 3-year term	
Robert S. Congdon, Jr.	3/24
Michael Klopchin	3/26
Arthur Menard	3/25
Selectmen: 2-year term	
George Ambrose	3/25
Cash Ruane	3/24
Listers: 3-year term	
George Ambrose – resigned 3/8/23	3/26
Kevin Peck	3/24
Robert Underhill	3/25
Auditors: 3-year term	
Richard Bersaw	3/24
David Bosch	3/25
Kevin Dougherty	3/26
Collector of Delinquent Taxes: 3-year term	
Ashley Robinson	3/24

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2022

ELECTED:	TERM EXPIRES
Mill River Unified Union District School Director: 3-year term	
Andrea Hawkins	3/25
Len Doucette	3/25
Doug Earle	3/26
Matthew Gouchberg	3/24
Justices of the Peace Term: Feb.1, 2023- Jan. 31, 2025	
George Ambrose	(Republican)
David Bosch	(Republican)
Robert Congdon	(Republican)
John Colvin	(Republican)
Deborah Dougherty	(Republican)
Kevin Dougherty	(Republican)
Arthur Menard	(Republican)
Brownson Spencer	(Republican)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2023

APPOINTED OFFICE:	TERM EXPIRES
Airport Committee Michael Klopchin, Primary Art Menard, Alternate	3/24
Community Center (5) Matthew Jakubowski, Chair Robert Bixby Marjorie Southard Arthur Menard Gloria Menard	3/24
Community Center Board Town Representatives Nancy Buffum Vacant	3/24
Emergency Management Director Matthew Jakubowski	3/24
E911 Contacts/Coordinator Katie Nop, Primary Matthew Jakubowski, Secondary	3/24
Recreation Committee Members (7) Matthew Jakubowski, Chair Art Menard Heather Robilotto Mike Robilotto Sarah Kumm Amy Littler	3/24
Cemeteries Fact Finding Committee Kevin Peck Bob Underhill	3/24
Tree Warden Josef Peterson	3/24
Forest Fire Wardens Clayton Rockwell TJ Lacz, Deputy	6/27
Road Commissioner Cash Ruane	3/26
Rutland County Solid Waste District Representatives Dave Potter, Regular Bob Bixby, Alternate	3/24

Rutland County Sheriff's Office – Select Board Liaison	3/24
George Ambrose	
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	6/24
Brownson Spencer, Regular	
Vacant, Alternate	
Planning Commission (7)	
John McKenna, Chair	4/26
Brownson Spencer	4/24
John Colvin	4/24
Heidi Eccleston	4/25
Don Pratt	4/24
Sarah Kumm	4/26
Carol Geary	4/26
Zoning Board of Adjustment (7)	
Brownson Spencer, Chair	3/25
John Colvin	3/25
Heidi Eccleston	3/24
John McKenna	3/24
Don Pratt	3/24
Vacant	3/24
Vacant	3/25
Zoning Administrator	3/25
Kevin Dougherty	
Health Officer	1/25
Richard Griffith	
Rutland Region Transportation Advisory Council	6/24
David Potter, Regular	
Robert Bixby, Alternate	
Regional Ambulance Service Inc.	3/26
Kevin Dougherty	
Regional Emergency Management Committee	9/24
Matt Jakubowski	
Craig Knapp	

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

CLARENDON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Town Meeting, in person, was called to order at 7:00PM by Moderator, Robert Congdon. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed in honor of those who served and are serving our country in the military. There were approximately 36 people present.

Moderator **Robert Congdon** read the warning heading then read the articles.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 4791 to collect current taxes?

***George Ambrose* moved to authorize the treasurer to collect current taxes, seconded by *David Bosch*, motion carried by voice vote.**

TOWN NOTICE

VERMONT STATE LAW PERTAINING TO PLOWING OF PRIVATE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS

SNOWPLOWING ONTO ROADWAYS: Depositing snow by blowing or plowing onto traveled way, shoulder, or sidewalk of a class 1, 2 or 3 town highway violates the Vermont Statutes anointed Title 19. Section 1105 and Title 23, Section 1126a.

Depositing snow onto any highway results in increased maintenance cost and may result in a highway accident. When snow is blown or plowed across the highway, it may cause slippery conditions or snow berms that in turn could cause an accident. Private parties who violate this statute should be given a warning by letter from municipalities (for town-maintained roads). Further violations may result in the issuance of a traffic ticket which carries a $50 waiver penalty or a civil action may be brought under Section 1105, which carries a fine not to exceed $1,000 plus costs.

Resource: Vermont Agency of Transportation Handbook for Local Officials.

RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

BUDGET ARTICLES

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 7, 2023

Article 2.
Shall the Town of Clarendon raise by taxation the sum of **$1,157,300.00** to provide funds for General Government and Highway Expenditures for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, excluding separately voted articles? (Australian Ballot)

YES 243 NO 75 BLANK 4

Article 3.
Shall the Town of Clarendon set annual compensation for the Select Board at **$1,800** each for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024? (Australian Ballot)

YES 254 NO 65 BLANK 3

Article 4.
Shall the voters appropriate **$15,000** to be raised in taxes to add to the General Bridge Reserve Fund that was established by voter approval on March 2, 2004? (Australian Ballot)

YES 253 NO 64 BLANK 5

Article 5.
Shall the Town of Clarendon establish and maintain a Clarendon Municipal Buildings Reserve Fund to be used for maintenance and rehabilitation of municipal structures in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2804? (Australian Ballot)

YES 254 NO 65 BLANK 3

Article 6.
In the case of a Highway fund surplus, shall the Town deposit such a surplus to the Highway Equipment Fund? (Australian Ballot)

YES 267 NO 52 BLANK 3

Article 7.
Shall the voter appropriate **$75,000** to be raised in taxes to support of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Association? (Australian Ballot)

YES 269 NO 50 BLANK 3

Article 8.
Shall the voters appropriate **$50,000** to be raised in taxes for the yearly payment of Clarendon Volunteer Fire Association's new fire truck? (Australian Ballot)

YES 253 NO 65 BLANK 3 SPOILED 1

Article 9.
Shall the voters appropriate **$385** to be raised in taxes to support RSVP and The Volunteer Center? (Australian Ballot)

YES 218 NO 98 BLANK 6

Article 10.
Shall the voters appropriate **$3,539** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice: $200 to support Rutland Area Hospice and $3,339 to support RAVNAH home and community health services? (Australian Ballot)

YES 244 NO 76 BLANK 2

Article 11.
Shall the voters appropriate **$1300** to be raised in taxes to support the Southwestern VT Council on Aging? (Australian Ballot)

YES 209 NO 91 BLANK 22

Article 12.
Shall the voters appropriate **$9,648** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

YES 241 NO 57 BLANK 24

Article 13.
Shall the voters appropriate **$425** to be raised in taxes to support the NewStory formally known as the Rutland County Women's Network? (Australian Ballot)

YES 184 NO 112 BLANK 25 SPOILED 1

Article 14.
Shall the voters appropriate **$100** to be raised in taxes to support the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired? (Australian Ballot)

YES 224 NO 77 BLANK 21

Article 15.
Shall the voters appropriate **$345** to be raised in taxes to support the Vermont Center for Independent Living? (Australian Ballot)

YES 194 NO 105 BLANK 23

Article 16.
Shall the voters appropriate **$2,277** to be raised in taxes to support Rutland Mental Health Services? (Australian Ballot)

YES 207 NO 93 BLANK 22

Article 17.
Shall the voters appropriate **$1,500** to be raised in taxes to support ARC-Rutland Area, serving citizens with developmental disabilities? (Australian Ballot)

YES 209 NO 92 BLANK 21

Article 18.
Shall the voters appropriate **$250** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Natural Conservation District? (Australian Ballot)

YES 169 NO 125 BLANK 28

Article 19.
Shall the voters appropriate **$100** to be raised in taxes to support the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force? (Australian Ballot)

YES 214 NO 86 BLANK 22

Article 20.
Shall the voters appropriate **$800** to be raised in taxes to support the Child First Advocacy? (Australian Ballot)

YES 186 NO 112 BLANK 24

Article 21.
Shall the voters appropriate **$500** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Restorative Justice Center? (Australian Ballot)

YES 152 NO 144 BLANK 26

RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
TOWN OFFICERS
TOWN MEETING - MARCH 7, 2023

For Moderator, 1-year term

Robert Congdon Jr.	293	Blank	25
		Write-ins	4

For Town Clerk, 3-year term

Gloria Menard	301	Blank	14
		Write-ins	7

For Town Treasurer, 3-year term

Heidi Congdon	296	Blank	20
		Write-ins	6

For Select Board, 3-year term

Michael J. Klopchin	273	Blank	42
		Write-ins	7

For Select Board, 2-year term

George Ambrose	275	Blank	43
		Write-ins	4

For Lister, 3-year term

George Ambrose	265	Blank	54
		Write-ins	3

For Lister, unexpired 1-year term

Kevin R. Peck	280	Blank	41
		Write-ins	1

For Auditor, 3-year term

Kevin H. Dougherty	290	Blank	32
		Write-ins	0

For Collector of Delinquent Taxes, unexpired 1-year term

Ashley Robinson	286	Blank	34
		Write-ins	2

For Director to MRUUSD, 3 year term

Douglas C. Earle	274	Blank	42
		Write-ins	6

CLARENDON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Rec'd for record 1/23 2024 AD
at 9 o'clock 30 minutes A M
Recorded in Book 35 Page 401-402
Attest Gloria Menard Town Clerk

TOWN OF CLARENDON

WARNING

TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Clarendon, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Clarendon Community Center on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00PM for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the articles to be voted on March 5, 2024.

The legal voters of the Town of Clarendon, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Clarendon Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot as designated in the warning.

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ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters appropriate **$250** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 21. Shall the voters appropriate **$500** to be raised in taxes to support Rutland Restorative Justice Center? (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 22. To elect the following officers: (Australian Ballot)

Town Moderator	1-year term
Select Board Member	3-year term
Select Board Member	2-year term
Lister	3-year term
Lister	2-year unexpired term
Auditor	3-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3-year term
Mill River Unified Union School Director	3-year term

ARTICLE 23. To conduct any other lawful business.

Signed and dated at Clarendon, Vermont on the 22nd of January, 2024.

George Ambrose, Selectman

Robert S. Congdon Jr., Selectman

Michael Klopchin, Board Chair

Arthur Menard, Selectman

Cash Ruane, Selectman

The Select Board delivered the signed warning to the Town Clerk on the 22nd of January, 2024.

Personal Note from the Treasurer

"2023" was a year which saw many accomplishments in the Treasurer's office as well as in the Town of Clarendon. With voter approval, the Municipal Buildings fund was established and is now funded with a portion of the ARPA funds received in the last fiscal year. The fund will be used to maintain and make necessary facility upgrades to town owned facilities and properties. Funding maintenance projects has consistently been an issue and this fund is key in moving forward with properly maintaining our towns infrastructure. This year also saw the update and incorporation of new policies such as an updated purchasing policy and a new appropriation policy that will take effect July 2024 (FY25). This policy will now require organizations submitting appropriation requests to collect and present Clarendon resident signatures in order to be placed on the ballot. The only exception to this policy will be the Clarendon Fire Association and Regional Ambulance Service. This year, the board is asking for the establishment of a Hazard Mitigation fund which will be used to fund preventative maintenance in town rivers as well as utilizing funds to make necessary repairs to damages incurred during weather events. The preventative maintenance of our town waterways will require much work in conjunction with state agencies and will likely not be an overnight accomplishment, however this is a much-needed step for our town to take. It has been my pleasure to serve the Town of Clarendon and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2024.

In your service,
Heidi Congdon

Treasurer's Report

The preceding is the report of budget to actual for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Anyone wishing to review any of the Town's financial records may do so by scheduling an appointment at the Town Office.

A reminder to all taxpayers, that the Treasurer's Office WILL accept partial tax payments at any time throughout the year by mailing a check referencing your parcel ID number and the name of the property owner to:

Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

NO interest is paid and NO discounts are given for early payment of taxes.

Payments received prior to the due date will be credited toward your upcoming bill. Please note any amount not collected by the due date will be delinquent and interest and penalty will be applied as usual.

General Fund
Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Cash in Bank and on Hand	**July 1, 2022**	$1,269,832.53
Receipts		$5,180,265.56
Disbursements		
School Tax Transfer		3,044,636.23
Selectmen's Orders / Accounts Payable		1,673,816.85
Selectmen's Orders / Payroll (net)		268,338.73
Total Disbursements		$4,986,791.81
Cash in Bank and On Hand	**June 30, 2023**	$1,462,937.77
Due to other Funds		$930,829.80
Cash in Transit		$140.00
General fund (including Highway fund balance)		$532,247.97

Statement of Cash on Hand
in M&T Bank Checking Account
General, Community Center, Reappraisal Funds & Equip. Reserve
As of June 30, 2023

General Fund (including Highway fund balance**)	$	532,247.97
Clarendon Community Center Fund	$	44,595.76
General Bridge Repair Fund	$	156,774.13
Reappraisal Fund	$	87,317.43
Records Restoration Fund	$	20,660.30
Cemetary/Library Reserve Fund	$	34,304.61
Equipment Fund	$	362,039.29
Municipal Buildings Fund	$	225,138.28
Cash in Transit	$	(140.00)
ARPA	$	-
Cash in Bank and on Hand	$	1,462,937.77
** Highway fund balance	$	124,538.49

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Spafford Cemetery Fund

Received Sept. 4, 1974 - $2,500.00
Income to be used for care, improvement and embellishment of Spafford Lots in Spafford Cemetery

Balance July 1, 2022	$9,258.61
Interest Income	$152.99
Balance - June 30, 2023	$9,411.60

Balch Cemetery Fund

Received April 5, 1953 - $200.00
Income to be used for perpetual care of Clinton E. Balch Lot in Spafford Cemetery

Balance July 1, 2022	$218.11
Interest Income	$3.78
Balance - June 30, 2023	$221.89

Austin, Peck, Everest Cemetery Fund

Received November 15, 1982 - $1,200.00
Income to be used for perpetual care of the Austin, Peck & Everest Lots - Chippenhook Cemetery

Balance July 1, 2022	$3,383.46
Interest Income	$55.91
Balance - June 30, 2023	$3,439.37

Chippenhook - Hayes Cemetery Fund

Balance - July 1, 2022	$2,104.56
Interest Income	$39.52
Balance - June 30, 2023	$2,144.08

CEMETERY FUNDS - continued

Button Cemetery Fund

Received September 21, 1984 - $2,500.00
Income to be used for perpetual care
Received September 27, 1984- $500.00
Principal & Interest to be used for extraordinary repairs and specific floral plantings

Balance July 1, 2022	$6,642.25
Interest Income	$109.76
Balance - June 30, 2023	$6,752.01

West Clarendon Cemetery Fund

Income to be from lot sales and used for the care of the West Clarendon Cemetery

Balance - July 1, 2022	$4,479.16
Interest Income	$74.01
Balance - June 30, 2022	$4,553.17

Elizabeth Griswold Trust Fund

Balance July 1, 2022	$803.47
Interest Income	$13.28
Balance - June 30, 2023	$816.75

Laura Burnham Trust Fund

Balance July 1, 2022	$3,504.43
Interest Income	$57.91
Balance - June 30, 2023	$3,562.34

Pitts Cemetery Fund

Balance July 1, 2022	$2,041.86
Interest Income	33.74
Balance - June 30, 2023	$2,075.60

Delinquent Tax Summary
12/31/2023

Fiscal Year	Warrant Issued	Outstanding YE 2022	Collected	Corrected/Abated	Outsanding at Dec. 31, 2022
2017-2018		$1,582.82	(1,451.89)		$130.93
2018-2019		$11,911.79	(6,364.45)		$5,547.34
2019-2020		$20,159.81	(13,656.91)	$378.53	$6,124.37
2020-2021		$24,420.18	(14,964.94)	$449.66	$9,005.58
2021-2022		$78,035.79	(42,859.77)	$2,891.07	$32,284.95
2022-2023		$105,327.83	(32,151.15)	$35,361.72	$37,814.96
2023-2024	$241,529.67				$134,947.48
		$241,438.22			**$225,855.61**

Delinquent Tax Property Tax Holders

Blanchard, Alwyn
Bowen, Richard E
Casey, James
Casey-Hurka, Caryn
Citizens Bank
Cole, Jason
Davis, Cindy Life Estate
Davis, Bruce
Derepentigny, Joseph
Dougherty, Kevin
Earl, Douglas
Faucher, Alexis
Fredette, Diane
Fuller, Scott
Generess, Eileen
Granger, Christopher
Horvath, Joshua
Ingalls, Steven
Laplante, Charles
Lee Jr, John & Kris
Mayo, Raymond
McCormack, Mark
Morrissey, William
Palazzi, Francis
Patterson Corey Kimberly - 2
Pegg, William
Posch, Thomas
Pratt, Roberta
Prescott, Kenneth
Prouty, Mark
Reager, Kenneth & Amber
Ritter Holdings Inc
Ritter Holdings LLC
Robinson, Tia & Evan
Romano, Lisa
Sadowski, Dorothy
Sawtelle, Matthew
Siliski, Roger
Simonds, Timothy
Solari, Anthony
St. Lawrence, Brian
Stearns, David
Stratosd LLC
Strella William
Sweeney, Arthur
Tiraboschi, James Camp
Tiraboschi Jr, James
Todriff, Harrison
Willey, Justin
Winne, Barbara

Submitted by:
Ashley Robinson
Deliquent Tax Collector

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 2023

ASSETS:	
Checking June 30, 2023	$ 1,462,937.77
Due to Other Funds	$ (930,829.80)
Cash in Transit	$ 140.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 532,247.97
LIABILITIES:	
Tax Credits to be Applied October 2023	$ 8,894.57
Medical Payable	$ 64.16
Marriage Fees to State	$ 100.00
State Fees for Dogs	$ 88.00
Delinquent Collector Fees	$ 351.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 9,498.15
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	522,749.82
TOTAL LIABILITY, FUND BALANCE	$532,247.97

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
For the Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/23

FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2022		$536,530.31
Revenue	$ 1,681,246.65	
Expenditures	$ (1,695,027.14)	
Reduction of the Fund Balance		(13,780.49)
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2023**		$522,749.82

**	General Fund Balance	$398,211.33
	Highway Fund Balance	$ 124,538.49

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND

Balance - July 1, 2022	$ -
ARPA Transfer	$ 221,308.53
ARPA Transfer	$ 170.06
Interest	$ 3,659.69
Balance - June 30, 2023	$ 225,138.28

EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance - July 1, 2022	$ 56,154.23
ARPA Transfer - Grader	$ 200,000.00
Allocation - FY23	$ 100,000.00
Interest	$ 5,885.06
Balance - June 30, 2023	$ 362,039.29

RESERVE ACCOUNT - GENERAL BRIDGE REPAIR

Balance - July 1, 2022	$ 139,225.72
Allocation - FY22	$ 15,000.00
Interest	$ 2,548.41
Balance - June 30, 2023	$ 156,774.13

LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNT - EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Comparative Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2023

ASSETS

	2023/2024	2024/2025
Amount to be provided for retirement of long term debt	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	0.00	0.00
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Long term debt payable - Principal	0.00	0.00
- Interest	0.00	
TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	0.00	0.00

CLARENDON LIBRARY FUND

$1,000.00 FROM Cornelia W. Bailey Will

Permanent fund, income only to be used for book purchases

Balance July 1, 2022	$1,013.28
Interest Income	$16.73
Balance - June 30, 2023	$1,030.01

CLARENDON COMMUNITY CENTER FUND

Balance - July 1, 2022	$43,870.84
Interest Income	$ 724.92
Balance - June 30, 2023	$44,595.76

RECORDS RESTORATION FUND

Balance - July 1, 2022	$16,302.46
Revenue	$ 6,422.00
Expense	$ (2,400.00)
Interest Income	$ 335.84
Balance - June 30, 2023	$ 20,660.30

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance - July 1, 2022	$73,700.06
State Payments to the Town	$ 12,198.00
Interest Income	$ 1,419.37
Balance - June 30, 2023	$87,317.43

SELECTMEN'S SALARY ORDERS
Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Highway

Allard, Jr., Daniel		$	110.00
Baker, Joel		$	55,073.88
Parker, Eric		$	286.00
Parker, Jr., Joseph		$	55,854.94
Ruane, Cash		$	50,888.74
Total Highway		$	162,213.56

General

Ambrose, George	Lister	$	1,530.00
Ambrose, George	Selectperson	$	600.00
Bixby, Robert	Selectperson	$	1,200.00
Congdon, Heidi	Treasurer	$	35,000.00
Congdon Jr., Robert	Selectperson	$	1,800.00
Delong, Harry	Transfer Station	$	10,416.00
Dougherty, Kevin	Zoning	$	964.00
Gebauer, Horst	Transfer Station	$	9,516.50
Golfin, Rachael	Assistant Treasurer	$	1,534.50
Hance, David	Transfer Station	$	11,956.00
Jakubowski, Kelly	Delinquent Tax Collector	$	5,218.18
Klopchin, Michael	Selectperson	$	1,800.00
Menard, Arthur	Ballot Clerk	$	382.80
Menard, Arthur	Selectperson	$	1,800.00
Menard, Gloria	Town Clerk	$	43,116.54
Menard, Gloria	Website Admin	$	2,400.00
Nop, Katie	Administrative Asst	$	34,373.16
Peck, Kevin	Lister	$	3,750.00
Robinson, Ashley	Assistant Town Clerk	$	6,696.00
Robinson, Ashley	Delinquent Tax Collector	$	10,098.68
Ruane, Cash	Selectperson	$	1,800.00
Underhill, Robert L.	Lister	$	5,227.50
Total General		$	191,179.86
TOTAL SALARIES		**$**	**353,393.42**

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
As of June 30, 2023

	Budget FY 22 - 23	Actual FY 22 - 23	Budget FY 23 - 24	Proposed Budget FY 24 - 25
Revenues				
Current Taxes	1,107,298.45	946,936.10	1,157,300.00	1,197,300.00
Delinquent Taxes	56,820.25	192,933.08	60,334.00	60,540.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	12,000.00	37,287.19	12,000.00	10,000.00
Edu. Billing Fee Retained	7,000.00	6,865.62	7,000.00	7,000.00
Pilot Payment	12,000.00	13,074.20	12,000.00	12,000.00
Current Use - State of VT	27,000.00	26,215.00	27,000.00	25,000.00
Voted Articles	170,305.00	170,305.00	170,169.00	177,519.00
Total Revenues	**1,392,423.70**	**1,393,616.19**	**1,445,803.00**	**1,489,359.00**
Fees & Fines				
Overweight Permit Fees	0.00	200.00	150.00	200.00
Transfer Station Revenue	12,000.00	10,614.74	11,000.00	11,000.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,000.00	1,419.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Liquor Licenses	325.00	255.00	325.00	255.00
Fines	4,000.00	2,833.58	4,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	18,000.00	21,031.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Copy Fees	3,000.00	2,758.50	3,000.00	2,500.00
Clarendon Grange Community Ctr	6,000.00	6,095.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Zoning Fees	2000.00	1395.52	2000.00	1500.00
Total Fees and Fines	**47,325.00**	**46,602.34**	**48,475.00**	**45,955.00**
Other				
State of VT - Highway	134,000.00	144,982.70	145,000.00	145,000.00
State of VT - Grants	0.00	68,289.98	0.00	0.00
Railroad Tax	900.00	913.64	900.00	900.00
Tax Sale Redemption	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	4,000.00	13,197.99	4,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Dept - Fuel	2,000.00	2,201.29	3,000.00	3,500.00
Sale of Vehicles/Equipment	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
FEMA/DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other	**140,900.00**	**229,585.60**	**177,900.00**	**154,400.00**
Investment Income				
Interest on Investments	600.00	9,042.52	1,500.00	9,000.00
Transfer- Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Bridge Fund	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Cemetary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer Community Ctr Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer Property Reappraisal Func	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer Records Restoration	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Transfer - ARPA Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Municipal Bldgs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Investment Income	**33,000.00**	**11,442.52**	**3,900.00**	**11,400.00**
Total Revenues	**1,613,648.70**	**1,681,246.65**	**1,676,078.00**	**1,701,114.00**

	Budget FY 22 - 23	Actual FY 22 - 23	Budget FY 23 - 24	Proposed Budget FY 24 - 25
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Selectmen				
Selectmen Salaries	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Administrative Salary	34,373.16	34,373.16	36,600.00	38,430.00
Selectmen Expenses	600.00	39.34	600.00	600.00
Website Maintainance	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Selectmen	**46,373.16**	**45,812.50**	**48,600.00**	**50,430.00**
Treasurer				
Treasurer - Salary	35,000.00	35,000.00	37,275.00	39,139.00
Asst. Treasurer Compensation	3,000.00	1,726.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
Auditing	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Town Report	2,800.00	1,550.55	1,500.00	1,700.00
Treasurer - Expenses	2,000.00	1,222.65	2,000.00	2,000.00
Annual External Audit	15,000.00	15,500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Treasurer	**58,400.00**	**55,599.70**	**44,375.00**	**46,439.00**
Town Clerk				
Town Clerk Compensation	43,116.54	43,116.54	45,920.00	48,216.00
Assistant Clerk Compensation	9,000.00	6,696.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Elections	6,453.00	4,726.80	3,240.00	5,500.00
Town Clerk Expenses	5,500.00	8,087.80	5,500.00	6,000.00
Total Town Clerk	**64,069.54**	**62,627.14**	**63,660.00**	**68,716.00**
Town Hall Expenses				
Postage	3,000.00	3,136.67	4,000.00	4,000.00
Town Hall Utilities	8,500.00	11,946.64	10,000.00	12,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	10,000.00	12,392.32	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Hall Office Supplies	3,000.00	7,566.23	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Hall Contract Services	4,500.00	5,322.43	5,500.00	5,500.00
Office System Support	8,000.00	8,645.58	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total Town Hall Expenses	**37,000.00**	**49,009.87**	**41,000.00**	**43,000.00**
Listing				
Listing Compensation	14,000.00	10,507.50	19,000.00	18,000.00
Listing Expenses	500.00	520.00	500.00	500.00
Property Mapping Project	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Listing	**16,500.00**	**11,027.50**	**19,500.00**	**18,500.00**
Boards				
Zoning Administrator	2,150.00	1,047.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
Abatements & Refunds	3,000.00	343.60	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Boards	**5,150.00**	**1,390.60**	**5,150.00**	**5,150.00**
Solid Waste Removal				
Solid Waste Compensation	33,000.00	31,888.50	35,145.00	35,500.00
Solid Waste - Expenses	50,000.00	47,734.66	50,000.00	58,000.00
Total Solid Waste Removal	**83,000.00**	**79,623.16**	**85,145.00**	**93,500.00**
Benefits				
Social Security	27,000.00	27,034.18	27,000.00	28,000.00
Vermont Retirement	18,000.00	17,986.34	18,000.00	19,000.00
Unemployment	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

	Budget FY 22 - 23	Actual FY 22 - 23	Budget FY 23 - 24	Proposed Budget FY 24 - 25
Insurance - Health	110,000.00	95,398.56	110,000.00	110,000.00
Insurance - General	65,000.00	35,924.75	55,000.00	45,000.00
Continuing Education Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Total Benefits	**222,000.00**	**176,343.83**	**212,000.00**	**214,000.00**
Public Safety				
Constables	250.00	166.67	250.00	0.00
Sheriff Dept.	70,168.00	65,920.95	73,000.00	75,000.00
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Health Officer Mileage	100.00	31.44	100.00	100.00
Clarendon Tree Warden	200.00	30.00	200.00	200.00
Clarendon Fire Warden	350.00	340.50	350.00	350.00
Emergency Management Office	400.00	207.94	400.00	400.00
Total Public Safety	**72,218.00**	**67,447.50**	**75,050.00**	**76,800.00**
Regional				
County Tax	22,000.00	20,372.98	23,000.00	21,000.00
Industrial Park Taxes	30,000.00	25,742.68	30,000.00	30,000.00
VT League of Cities/Towns	4,133.00	4,133.00	4,279.00	4,410.00
Total Regional	**56,133.00**	**50,248.66**	**57,279.00**	**55,410.00**
General Expenses				
Contingency	5,000.00	1,091.70	5,000.00	5,000.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
Legal Notices and Forms	2,000.00	517.50	2,000.00	1,000.00
Total General Expenses	**10,000.00**	**1,609.20**	**12,000.00**	**8,500.00**
Appropriations				
Cemetery Maintenance	15,000.00	9,529.17	15,000.00	15,000.00
Clarendon Fire Association	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	82,000.00
Fire Truck Article	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Prog.	385.00	385.00	385.00	385.00
Visiting Nurse Assoc / Hospice	3,539.00	3,539.00	3,539.00	3,539.00
Office on Aging - Meals	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
VT Green Up	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Regional Ambulance	10,284.00	10,284.00	9,648.00	9,648.00
Rutland Regional Planning Comm	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Recreation	10,000.00	9,794.73	10,000.00	9,000.00
NewStory Center	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00
VT Association for the Blind	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
VT Center Independent Living	345.00	345.00	345.00	345.00
Bailey Memorial Library	31,500.00	31,500.00	32,800.00	35,700.00
Clar. Comm. Ctr. Maintenance	19,000.00	19,845.35	19,000.00	19,000.00
Clar. Comm. Ctr. Maint. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
American Red Cross	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Housing Trust of Rutland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rutland Mental Health	2,277.00	2,277.00	2,277.00	2,277.00
Rutland County Parent / Child	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ARC-Rutland	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vermont Family Network	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
BROC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rutland Natural Resources	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Child First Advocacy Center	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00

Rutland Restorative Justice Ctr	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total Appropriations	**222,955.00**	**218,124.25**	**224,119.00**	**233,369.00**
Total General Government	**893,798.70**	**818,863.91**	**887,878.00**	**913,814.00**

	Budget FY 22 - 23	Actual FY 22 - 23	Budget FY 23 - 24	Proposed Budget FY 24 - 25
HIGHWAY				
Labor - Class II	60,000.00	59,625.35	63,900.00	75,000.00
Labor - Class III	95,000.00	69,365.44	101,175.00	87,000.00
Equipment Repair & Fund	35,000.00	33,222.77	37,275.00	40,350.00
Total Labor	**190,000.00**	**162,213.56**	**202,350.00**	**202,350.00**
Roads				
Salt	95,000.00	119,228.16	95,000.00	105,000.00
Winter Gravel	10,000.00	17,206.11	15,000.00	17,000.00
Gravel	70,000.00	64,858.94	70,000.00	70,000.00
Sand	30,000.00	19,537.46	30,000.00	30,000.00
Calcium Chloride	15,000.00	16,677.12	20,000.00	15,000.00
Resurfacing & Reconstrution	175,000.00	175,488.56	175,000.00	185,000.00
Total Roads	**395,000.00**	**412,996.35**	**405,000.00**	**422,000.00**
Garage				
Garage Utilities	6,000.00	5,170.38	6,000.00	6,000.00
Garage Maintenance	6,000.00	13,367.55	6,000.00	8,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	25,000.00	34,213.65	25,000.00	25,000.00
Fuel, Oil & Grease	35,000.00	47,487.86	45,000.00	45,000.00
Mech. Supplies & Parts	5,000.00	2,302.48	5,000.00	3,000.00
Uniforms	2,000.00	1,485.51	2,000.00	2,100.00
Small Hwy Equipment	2,500.00	672.84	2,500.00	1,500.00
Highway Miscellaneous	5,000.00	4,853.85	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Garage	**86,500.00**	**109,554.12**	**96,500.00**	**95,600.00**
Other				
Equipment Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	105,000.00
Contract Services	15,000.00	32,975.00	15,000.00	16,000.00
Culverts & Guardrails	15,000.00	22,990.28	15,000.00	17,000.00
Signs & Pavement Lines	2,000.00	1,423.93	3,000.00	3,000.00
MRGP	1,350.00	1,765.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Hazard Mitigation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
General Bridge Reserve Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Bridge Repairs	30,000.00	17,244.99	0.00	0.00
Total Other	**178,350.00**	**191,399.20**	**149,350.00**	**167,350.00**
Total Highway	**849,850.00**	**876,163.23**	**853,200.00**	**887,300.00**
Capital Expenditures				
Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Expenditures	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Total Expenditures	**1,743,648.70**	**1,695,027.14**	**1,741,078.00**	**1,801,114.00**
Total General Fund	**(130,000.00)**	**(13,780.49)**	**(65,000.00)**	**(100,000.00)**

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
2022/2023

Data used to set tax rate:

Liability	**Grand List Value**	**x Rate**	
Late HS-122 Penalty			1,022.90
Non-Residential Education	1,020,266.82	1.5319	1,562,946.76
Homestead Education	1,521,268.00	1.4452	2,198,536.53
Municipal	2,664,054.14	0.4796	1,277,680.45
Local Agreement	2,664,054.14	0.0011	2,930.50
			5,043,117.14
TOTAL TAX RATE HOMESTEAD = $		**$1.9259**	
TOTAL TAX RATE NON-RESIDENTIAL = $		**$2.0126**	
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			5,043,117.14
Bill Corrections/Adjustments			2,105.59
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			5,045,222.73

Taxes Accounted For:

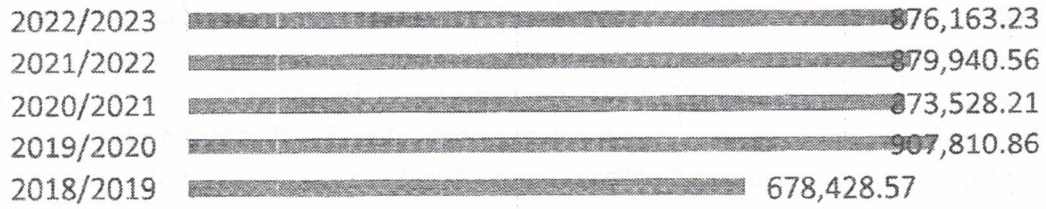
Received by Treasurer	4,886,452.87
Delinquent to Collector	158,769.86
TOTAL	5,045,222.73

Industrial Park Taxes Collected 2022/2023
and PAID TO RUTLAND CITY

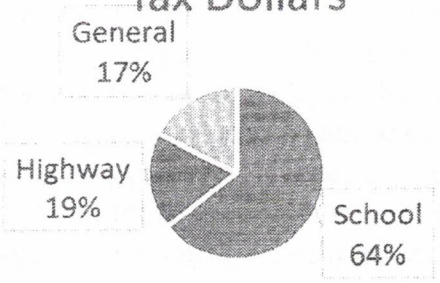
Paid to the City as of June 30, 2023	$25,742.68

General Government

Highway



Tax Dollars



We have examined the books and records of the Town Officers and the results are contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Bersaw
David Bosch
Kevin Dougherty

Select Board Report FY23

The Select Board is honored to serve on behalf of the Town of Clarendon and respectfully submits the following report on Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023):

The Selectboard would like to extend their gratitude to former Selectman Bob Bixby who had served on the Clarendon Selectboard for several years. His wisdom and rich history of the town was greatly appreciated. They enjoy seeing Bob continue to attend Board meetings from time to time. George Ambrose rejoined the Selectboard ranks in March of 2023 and he has been an excellent addition to the town's leadership.

Skylar Ambrose, former Lister, and Kelly Jakubowksi, former Delinquent Tax Collector, resigned from their respective positions in FY23. The Clarendon Selectboard would like to express their thanks for those individuals' dedication to their community by serving in those capacities. Kevin Peck and Ashley Robinson took the reins for those seats shortly after and have been quickly learning the ropes. The Clarendon Selectboard is grateful for all the staff that assists with the day-to-day operations.

Certainly, the Highway Department's work cannot go unnoticed. The summer of 2022 was an active one for the town of Clarendon. The road crew continued to make strides by upgrading ditches and culverts to bring hydrologically connected road segments into compliance as required by the State of Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit. An example of this compliance can be seen on the backside of Teer Road. The road crew took on a large ditching/road surface project to improve water quality and reduce erosion. This extensive project was partly grant funded by a Better Roads grant and Grants-in-Aid. The town also received a modest paving grant to shim South Creek Road. The one-way street off of Cold River Road connecting to North Shrewsbury Road was also resurfaced. In FY23, the Selectboard in coordination with the Road Commissioner, got the Creek Road box culvert replacement project underway by securing an engineer, concrete vendor, and contractor. This was another large project that was mostly grant funded. The town appreciates the public's cooperation and patience while a significant portion of Creek Road was closed for the duration of the project.

The road crew continued to do an exceptional job in the winter as well even in the midst of being short-staffed. Last winter, in a bind, the road crew asked Eric Parker to be on-call during large storms and he willingly stepped up to the plate. The Board and Road Commissioner thank Eric for his community-oriented spirit. The Clarendon Selectboard is looking to hire a permanent part-time Highway Department member. See the full details on the town's website for the job description (clarendonvt.gov).

In addition to the State grant funding Clarendon received, the town also received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money; a federal assistance award that was put in place to bring towns through the COVID-19 crisis and replace lost revenue. Clarendon elected the "standard allowance" which gave the town more flexibility in how the funds could be spent. In fiscal year 2022, the town received $360,654.26. Then in FY23, an additional $360,824.33 was received.

The Clarendon Fire Association approached the Selectboard and requested a portion of the ARPA funds to be put towards the purchase of a new tanker. The Board gave the CFA $300,000 to be designated for the tanker purchase. $200,000 was put towards the purchase of a new town grader (recently delivered- Dec.2023!). The remaining monies have been transferred into the newly established Municipal Buildings Fund. The Board is open to suggestions from the public on long-term planning for town buildings.

The Selectboard held many conversations with the citizens about the uptick in crime that Rutland County has experienced. Clarendon is no exception. The Board cautions the public to lock their doors and cars and keep a watchful eye.

Towards the end of Fiscal '23, the Board finalized a Social Services Appropriations Policy. This policy outlines the procedure for non-profit organizations to get appropriation requests on the ballot in March. The Board felt this policy was in the best interest of the Clarendon tax payers. The new policy goes into effect July 1, 2024.

Over the past couple of years, firework permitting has been handled by the Select Board. As a reminder, permit requests should be made 15 days prior to the event. The Select Board reviews permits at their meetings, so please plan accordingly.

The Select Board worked hard on the town budget over the course of several workshops. They announce a minimal increase to the municipal portion of it. The Board encourages citizens to participate in the budget process as well as all other town business. Meeting agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, Transfer Station, and on the town's website.

If residents have any questions, concerns, comments, or recommendations, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Select Board.

Sincerely,
Clarendon Board of Selectmen

CLARENDON SELECTBOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

All residents of the Town of Clarendon are welcome to attend Select Board meetings. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Clarendon Town Hall, 270 Middle Road, Clarendon Vermont. **Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.**

JANUARY	8	JULY	8
	23		22
FEBRUARY	12	AUGUST	12
	67		26
MARCH	13	SEPTEMBER	9
	25		23
APRIL	8	OCTOBER	14
	22		28
MAY	13	NOVEMBER	13 (Wed.)
	29 (Wed.)		25
JUNE	10	DECEMBER	9
	24		23

SELECTBOARD AGENDA POLICY

If you would like placement on the meeting agenda to discuss a matter with the Select Board, you can request agenda placement by contacting the Administrative Assistant via e-mail at clarendonadmasst@comcast.net. All requests must be in writing, and must contain a subject. The time given for a speaker on the agenda will be 5-10 minutes; time may be added at the discretion of the Select Board. A request can also be mailed to the Clarendon Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 30, Clarendon, Vermont 05759, or hand delivered at the Town Hall.

Meeting agendas also include two opportunities for public comment: one for general comments, and one for specific agenda items.

All requests for agenda placement must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the scheduled Monday meeting to allow time for preparation of the agenda and time for Select Board members to prepare for the meeting. *Individuals not on the agenda must wait until completion of all agenda items unless invited by the Selectboard Chairman to speak.*

Clarendon Board of Selectmen

Clarendon Listers Report

The primary role of the Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable Grand List for the Town for purposes of taxation. Annually property owners have the right to grieve their valuations for the upcoming tax year by submitting a request to the Listers by the designated due date each spring.

Property Tax bills reflect ownership and status as of April 1st. Updates to the Grand List include changes based on additions or new construction, demolitions or removals that the Town has been notified of, property transfers, additions or reductions to acreage, disabled veterans status, and changes within the State's Current Use Program. Addresses of record are updated throughout the year. It is inherent upon property owners to notify the Listers when mailing addresses change. Tax due dates are the same whether we have your current address or not.

Town residents should make their Homestead declarations each year by the April 15th due date in order to avoid late filing penalties.

Throughout the year the Listers provide copies of tax bills and property descriptions (Lister Cards) on request. To the extent we can we assist people with various requests concerning ownership of specific parcels or what the parcel consists of. The Listers do not do deed research or provide legal advice.

The Town Tax Maps are maintained by the Listers with the most recent set having been updated as of December 29, 2022.

There has been a vacant Lister position since the resignation of George Ambrose in March 2023. Anyone interested in the position can inquire of the Listers or the Selectboard.

We are expecting an order from the State in June 2024 mandating a new town-wide reappraisal. Statewide there are far more towns seeking reappraisals than there is reappraisal firm capacity. As such we are likely several years out in getting ours done.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Underhill
Kevin Peck

TOWN CLERK REPORT

I have observed many changes and continue to learn and keep up with the everchanging roles and responsibilities of my job. Thank you for your support and many compliments in the past years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Town Clerk and I look forward to the years to come!

2024 Elections

In 2024, our office will have a busy election year. March 5th is Town election and Presidential Primary election. The Primary is simply a party nominating process. It is the ONE time you will be asked which party ballot you wish to cast. We do not register by party in Vermont, and you are not tied to any particular party if you choose to mark that party ballot on March 5th. Absentee ballots must be requested by the voter which includes the March 5th and August 13th elections. The November 5th General Election will be mailed to you by the state, please make sure your mailing address is correct with the Town Clerk.

Voters may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Clerk's Office at (802)775-4274 ext.1 or log on to the Election Management System online (see below).

Election Management System

Use the On-Line Voter Registration (OLVR) to register to vote http://olvr.vermont.gov also use the My Voter Page (MVP) to check registration status, get directions to a polling place, see polling place hours, view a sample ballot, request and track an absentee ballot by logging in at: http://mvp.vermont.gov

The absentee ballot must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office *or* at the post office by Election Day.

The Town Clerk is required by statute to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's Land records. Other statutory responsibilities include maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction *with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for elections. The Town* Clerk is the clerk for the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Abatement.

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for:

- Administering all local and state elections
- Recording of land records – deeds, mortgages, etc.
- Recording town proceedings
- Issuing Marriage licenses
- Filing and indexing of all vital records - births, deaths & marriages
- Filing and indexing liens, surveys and an assortment of other documents
- Issuing dog licenses
- Issuing motor vehicle renewals
- Voter registration
- Notarizing documents
- Preservation and restoration of land records and vital records
- Transfer Station ticket sales
- Issuing Green Mountain Passports

All records in the town office are open for public view during business hours.

2023 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS	10
DEATHS	33
CIVIL MARRIAGES	10

2023 DOG LICENSES

TOTAL	230
SPECIAL LICENSES	1

Please Note: All dogs six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before April 1st. This year it will be due by **Monday, April 1, 2024**. A current rabies certificate **must** be provided at the time of licensing, 20 V.S.A. 3581.

Also note that the Town of Clarendon has a leash law.

If a dog is acquired after April 1st, it must be licensed within thirty days. If it is a puppy, it must be licensed within thirty days of turning 6 months of age.

If you cannot come to the office, you may send the rabies certificate, a check payable to 'Town of Clarendon' and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the **Clarendon Town Clerk, PO Box 30, Clarendon, VT 05759** and the 2024 license will be mailed to you.

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday – Thursday 10-4.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 10 - 2.

To remove the name of a previously licensed animal, please call 775-4274 ext.1.

License fees:		**Late fees, after April 1st:**
Males & Females	$17.00	$5.00
Neutered & Spayed	$13.00	$3.00

The **Green Mountain Passport** is a program for residents age 62 and older or any veteran. There is a one-time fee of $2.00 and this program will get you free admission to Vermont State Parks, Vermont State Historic Sites and events which are fully State sponsored.

Clarendon's website **clarendonvt.gov** has information such as: town notices; elected and appointed town officials along with contact info; meeting agendas and minutes including draft and approved; forms, ordinances and policies; the annual town report; info on the town as well as some local links.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Menard, Town Clerk

Clarendon Zoning Administrator (ZA) Annual Report
2023

This was my first full year as Zoning Administrator. Once again, I would like to thank Gloria, Heidi, and Katie for all their patience and assistance this year. I would also like to thank all of the residents who have helped make the job an enjoyable one.

Volume was up slightly this year, with thirty-two applications reviewed, four commercial, one flood plain project, (Kingsley Bridge,) and the reminder residential. Advise or opinions were provided approximately 75 times via phone or e-mail.

Permit Applications	**Qty**
Single Family Residential (New, Renovated, or Replaced)	8
Residential (Attached) Additions (Porches, Decks, etc.)	6
Accessory (Detached) Structures (Sheds, Garages, etc.)	13
Commercial	4
Flood Plain	1
Total	32

A total of three projects were brought before the ZBA, two requesting a variance for non-conforming setbacks, the other requiring approval under Act 250. One project was brought before the DRB for Flood Plain Project Review. In addition, there were two permit applications submitted for projects not requiring a permit. They were not counted above and any checks returned or destroyed.

It is recommended that owners contact the town zoning administrator when planning any project. Owners should not rely on statements from a contractor, sales person, neighbor, or any other person in determining if a permit is required or not. They have no authority to interpret or override the rules, and any liability for violating the Zoning Regulation is yours alone. I am available and glad to provide advice upon request. (Please note this is a part time job, and though I do endeavor to respond as soon as practical, I am not always immediately available.)

Thank You,
Kevin Dougherty Zoning Administrator.

TOWN OF CLARENDON

Kevin H Dougherty
Zoning Administrator

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Clarendon, VT 05759

Bailey Memorial Library Annual Report 2022

Bailey Memorial Library thanks the voters of the Clarendon community for their support of the library each year. This resource continues to provide current reading materials and services to the residents of Clarendon and beyond. Materials and services include fiction and nonfiction books and DVDs for adults and children, audiobooks for adults, snowshoes for adults and children and passes for Vermont state parks and several Vermont museums that offer reduced or free entry fees. The library has two online computers for public use and free wireless access.

Clarendon resident Barbara Smith, our Library Director, oversees the day-to-day workings of the library and supervises Mary Doyle, who works Tuesday evenings and Saturdays. The Board is very grateful for the work all staff do to keep the library open and running smoothly.

The Library hours are:

Monday	5:00-7:00
Tuesday	11:00-7:00
Wednesday	11:00-4:00
Thursday	11:00-4:00
Saturday	10:00-3:00

All residents of Clarendon are entitled to a library card. Out of town borrowers can purchase a card for a nominal fee. To view and search the library's collection, visit the library's website at **baileylibraryvt.wordpress.com** and click the link for library catalog. The user name is Bailey and no password is needed. From there, you can search for titles, authors or subjects of interest to you.

Bailey Library was part of and sponsored many events in 2023. The library held an Easter Egg Hunt in April. We participated in the townwide yard sales in July with a book sale. Mary Sanceric Clark solicited pies, which were sold to benefit the library, and coffee and donuts, which were donated by Hannaford and Grand Union, were given away for a donation. In August, Hocus Pocus, a local magician entertained a good crowd. Ice cream sundaes made from donated ingredients were given out at the library during the Color Run at the elementary school in October. A local resident sponsored a Trunk-or-Treat car for the library, giving out books and treats. Two or three baskets are raffled off each year.

The Board of Trustees and the library staff would like to thank all of the people who make donations of books to the library. If these books meet our needs, they are added to the library collection. Others may be sold in the on-going book sale at the library.

The Library is looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Trustees. This requires a small time commitment, mostly attending the Board meeting the second Thursday of each month and bringing new ideas. Please call the library or a board member if you are interested in becoming a member of the board.

Respectfully,
Diane Chartrand

Trustees:
Linda Adams, President
Janet Clapp, Secretary
Mary Sanceric-Clark
Barbara Smith, Library Director
Diane Chartrand, Vice President
Colombe Colvin, Treasurer
Sue Jepson

Bailey Library: 802-747-7743
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Clarendon Fire Association Annual Report

I would like to begin this report by thanking all the dedicated members of the Clarendon Fire Association for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Thank you also, to the families of our members for their understanding of time spent away from home at fire calls, emergencies, trainings, and fundraisers. Thank you to the voters for approving our budget and our truck budget.

The Clarendon Fire Association responded to 82 calls this year, including a Fire at Mill River Lumber which we had 14 tankers respond, An early morning trailer fire and afternoon trailer fire and a Large Brush fire. We helped our surrounding towns in Shrewsbury, Wallingford, Rutland Town, Proctor and Rutland City. We assisted Mill River high school with a water break. Along with many other calls.

We celebrated our 60th Anniversary this year. This year for fundraising we did a BBQ event for color run and another BBQ for our garage sale days. Pool filling was popular again this year.

Events we participated in were Relay for life. Loyalty day parade, Fire Prevention Day at Clarendon Elementary school, touch a truck at the school. We also participated in the Halloween Parade and Trunk a treat. We also tried an open house recruiting event in May.

You will notice that our budget has increased this year, the price of fire trucks has drastically increased causing our insurance to rise. There have also been some changes to inspections on our trucks, tires must be replaced within 10 years no matter the tread life on them.

Some challenges in the fire service this year have been lithium battery fires, these fires are extremely difficult to extinguish. The batteries range from cars to laptops to cell phones. There isn't a good way to extinguish these fires, they take several tens of thousands of gallons of water. Clarendon firefighters have been taking classes on these types of fires, that show even a small cell phone battery submerged in a pool was still on fire under water! We ask everyone to be very careful when charging these devices.

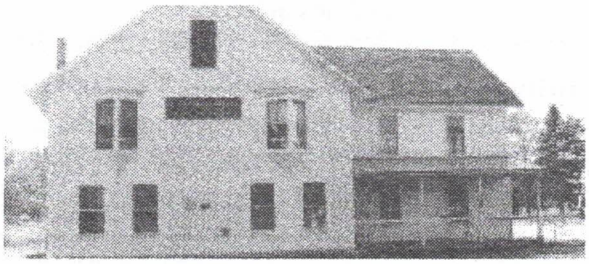
Please check out our Facebook page and "like" us. Our page has updates about your Fire Department, road closures, and safety tips.

A very special thanks go to the Clarendon Fire Auxiliary for their unselfish support in all of the Fire Department's efforts.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jakubowski, Chief

Clarendonfd@yahoo.com



Clarendon Community Center

Schedule your next event (birthday party, anniversary, shower, etc.) at the Clarendon Community Center

The Clarendon Community Center is located at the corner of Moulton Avenue and Grange Hall Road.

The second floor of the Clarendon Community Center is available for rental use. The main hall can be used in a banquet setting, theater style arrangement for a lecture or performance. There is a "house-hold style" kitchen with provision for preparing food. Because this isn't a commercial kitchen this cannot be used for frying foods of any kind. Baking, boiling and heating is allowed. The building is handicapped accessible, and there is an elevator for unable to use the stairs.

Rates are $35 per hour or $250 for 8 Hours plus a $50 deposit to be returned after the event when the Community Center is inspected. The renter must have a liability insurance certificate on file to rent the hall. The total amount of the rental is due in full when the key is picked up before the event. Arrangements for rental, contract agreement, payment and for key pick up and return will be coordinated through Gloria Menard who can be reached at 802.775.4274.

Clarendon Volunteer Organization are not charged. Donation are accepted. Volunteer organizations not in Clarendon will be charged $25 per hour or $150 for 8 hours.

Sincerely,

Matt Jakubowski, Board Chair

2023 Annual Report

Historical Society of Clarendon, Vermont

The major event of 2023 was the donation of the Chippenhook School to us by the West Clarendon Church & Hall Association. This 1808 structure had been in use as a school until 1970 and many current Clarendon residents fondly recall having been students there. For many others it is where their parents, grandparents and other ancestors went. It is one of but a few historic public structures still existing in Clarendon. Volunteers began cleanup and repair efforts late in the year. How quickly the structure can be put back into civic use again and the extent of restoration that can be accomplished will be dependent upon donations of money, time and talent. Any help will be much appreciated.

We continue to accumulate maps, books, photos, postcards, and various documents and objects of historical interest to Clarendon. Donations of materials are greatly appreciated as are short term loans for purposes of scanning or making copies. Much of what we have is readily accessible 24/7 via our website www.clarendonvthistory.org . Given the huge amount of information contained on the website, the Keyword Search feature under Collections can quickly help you find what you are looking for.

We maintain our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/clarendonhistorical with a new entry of interest being added every night and also our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UCdsb59xBBtYulvwnat97k6A where a collection of videos can be seen. Regular monthly meetings are held January – October on the 3rd Monday at 6PM at the Grange Hall/Community Center. Many of the meetings in 2023 had guest speakers on topics of historical interest. Please join us in 2024.

Our website has surpassed 2,600 entries with additional entries being added on a regular basis. They are spread across 26 collections: Artifacts, Bridges, Buildings & Enterprises, Cellar Holes, Cemeteries, Churches, Documents, Events, Farms & Barns, Homes, Letters, Mysteries, Music, Poetry & Art, Newsletters & Presentations, Oral Histories, People, Places, Quarries & Mines, Railroads, Reference Materials, Schools, Soldiers & Wars, Town Reports, Vermont Life Magazine, Writings of Mabel T. Herrick, and YouTubes.

Please help us in documenting and preserving our history by sharing your photos, documents, knowledge, or talent with us and by becoming a member or renewing your membership.

Bob Underhill, President

Phil Mandolare, Vice President

Becky Mandolare, Treasurer & Secretary

Peter Savage, Webmaster

CLARENDON CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The spring of 2023 started out like any normal year, but as the month of June went on the weather changed dramatically. Rain seemed to become the normal weather pattern and a number of attempts to accomplish work in the cemeteries were delayed. In spite of the continual wet weather and flood events that plagued the state, some work was accomplished in the town cemeteries.

First, a work day had been scheduled for the 24th of June with members of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. VOCA volunteers work almost every Saturday throughout the state repairing memorials in Vermont cemeteries. They are known for showing up and working events regardless of inclement weather which was the situation this year. In spite of the rain, members showed up from WRJ, Charlotte, Rutland and Fairfax along with a number of community members, and a group from the Rutland Civil Air Patrol. With the Clarendon Fire Department providing a pumper truck for water, a number of stones were repaired and cleaned.

The process for the removal of a large pine tree which was in Spafford Cemetery was started in August of 2022 with the collection of bids. The work was delayed though with the initial company backing out of the job. The second company was contacted, but after a period of time, they also backed out of doing the job. Tree's, Inc was then contacted and they took on the job, taking the tree down on July 12th.

Then on July 28th, several large memorials were repaired in the Clarendon Flats Cemetery. This particular event had been in the planning stages for over a year and required the assistance of the town road crew. Joe Parker's skill with the town excavator was paramount as several large memorials were broken down prior to the bases being reset. Assisting in the project was Tom Giffin, President of VOCA and Horst Gebauer.

Both of these projects can be viewed on the Clarendon Historical Society web page under "Cemeteries".

Also, work was started on Lt.Colonel Joseph Wait's grave stone which is located off Middle Road on the Pinkowski farm property. The surface stone which is approx. 4-5 feet long has slowly settled deeper into the ground. Sod has been cut back and this year we plan on raising the stone back level with the ground.

Several additional projects are planned for 2024 with the hope the weather will be more cooperative this summer. The focus again this year will be the West Clarendon Cemetery along with a project to be done in the Smith-Button-Pratt Cemetery. It's also anticipated that VOCA will return this year, though a date has not been set.

Once again, if anyone is interested in assisting with the restoration of the town's cemeteries, please contact us through the town offices.

Robert Underhill
Kevin R. Peck

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff David J. Fox

Command Staff

CAPTAIN
JOHNATHAN BIXBY

LIEUTENANT
JAMES BENNICK
PATROL COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT, GHSP
KEVIN GENO
FBINA SESSION 196

SERGEANT
ANDREW CROSS

OFFICE MANAGER
AMY CAULIN

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR
JENNIFER COFFIN

Town of Clarendon Sheriff's report

Thus far in the contract Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to 243 incidents, had 10 criminal arrests, performed 245 traffic stops, issued 172 tickets and 106 warnings in the town of Clarendon. Deputies have a positive working relationship with the board as well as the citizens of Clarendon. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department prides itself on being adaptable to the needs of the town when they arise. I want to thank the citizens of Clarendon for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols. It is an honor to serve the citizens of Clarendon. We hope to continue serving the citizens of Clarendon for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted.

Sheriff

David J. Fox

"THE RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL CONDUCT ITS WORK WITH COMPETENCE, PROFESSIONALISM AND HONOR"

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40th
ANNUAL REPORT
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023)
40 Years of Service 1983 – 2023

To The Honorable Citizens of Clarendon:

We are pleased to present our 40th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for forty years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 261,225 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2023, the service responded to a total of 11,255 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 120 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

Staff shortages have plagued healthcare including EMS throughout the country. Regional Ambulance has had problems like all healthcare with staffing. It is our employees who deserve the credit for their continued excellent response and commitment to the communities we serve. We thank them and encourage you to do the same for the work they do. All of our employees continue to serve and fulfill our motto of "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism".

Regional Ambulance started construction on a second facility in West Rutland. This facility will start being used in the next year. It has the capacity to house 4 ambulances. When staffed it will be closer for calls on the west side as well as have redundancy for dispatch and be able to be used during any type of disaster that affects the main building in Rutland.

We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers and everyone in the community who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 39 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is $4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Monthly CPR classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,755 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations and CPR classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are performed at the Regional Ambulance building at 275 Stratton Rd by appointment only. We completed 65 child car seat inspections this past year.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to our employees at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Kevin Dougherty
Town of Clarendon Representative
R.A.S. Board of Directors

VNA & HOSPICE
of the Southwest Region
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

December 12, 2023

Heidi Congdon
PO Box 30
North Clarendon,VT 05759

Dear Heidi,

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) respectfully requests town funds of $3539 to assist in providing much-needed home care and hospice services to all those in need in our community.

Since 1946, we have cared for those in our community who need extra help to heal at home, are experiencing a serious or end-of-life illness or suffered the loss of a loved one. Together, we ensure that on any given day hundreds of patients, from the most medically fragile infants, to individuals over 100 and their family members are cared for by our team of talented and committed clinicians and staff.

We are a **cornerstone** in the community, an **integral partner** with healthcare providers and a **leader** in home health and hospice care in Vermont. Given our strong local partnerships with physicians, hospitals and care facilities, we are uniquely prepared to provide excellent home healthcare. The VNAHSR cares for those living with, and impacted by chronic or life-limiting illnesses or those recovering from an unexpected health emergency. We also offer many services, such as weekly bereavement support groups for adults and children, flu clinics and community education on end-of-life issues - all at no cost to participants. We are dedicated to our mission of providing care, regardless of the location of residence or complexity of health issues.

In 2022, the VNAHSR provided $1.5 million in charitable care to our patients who were either undersinsured or without the insurance required for the home care they desired and deserved. Town funds and charitable contributions help close the gap between reimbursement for services provided and the costs of those services. With adequate town funding, an affordable option for home healthcare is available to all in need.

We are always here when residents of Clarendon need us, thanks in large part to the generosity of the residents of your community. To continue meeting these needs, we urge you to consider the importance and cost-effectiveness of the work that the VNAHSR does to ensure the health and well-being of our community.

We are filled with gratitude for Clarendon's many years of support to help the VNAHSR fulfill our mission to serve our community. Please do not hesitate to contact 802-775-0568 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sara C. King
Chief Executive Officer

Community Care Network
Rutland Mental Health Services | Rutland Community Programs
thriving community, empowered lives

P.O. Box 222
Rutland, VT 05702

Office: 802.775.2381
Fax: 802-775-4020
Website: rmhsccn.org

December 1, 2023

Gloria Menard
Town Clerk
Town of Clarendon
P. O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

Dear Gloria Menard,

Rutland Mental Health Services is requesting support from the Town of Clarendon for the coming fiscal year.

We appreciate the Town of Clarendon's generosity in the past and hope for a favorable decision this year on our total request of $2,277.00.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dick Courcelle
Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

AmeriCorps Seniors

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

The Volunteer Center

Community Care Network
Rutland Community Programs
strengthening community, empowering lives

2024 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY23
TOWN OF: CLARENDON • AMOUNT REQUESTED: $385.00

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 15,188 items were distributed by RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 37 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 557 volunteers. From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 92,293 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals $2,934,917.

Services Provided to Clarendon Residents

In FY'23, Clarendon residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. Clarendon RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Community Cupboard, Gilbert Hart Library, and the AARP Tax Program. Some of the services Clarendon volunteers provided include food shelf assistance, free income tax preparation services, and leading RSVP Bone Builders classes.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Clarendon for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 468-7056.

Sincerely,

Maryesa White
RSVP Director

16 North St. Ext. Rutland, VT 05701
Office: 802-468-7056 **Email:** maryesarsvp@gmail.com
Website: volunteersinvt.org

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

Report of Services for Town of Clarendon

During the 2023 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: 550 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY23, the highest number in the program's five-year history. Also during FY23, VABVI secured $100,000 of partial program funding from the State of Vermont. In order to fully fund SMART, whose budget is more than twice that amount, VABVI has recently announced our several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY23, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 42 clients attended PALS meetings in FY23.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 13 visually impaired students to Rock Point by Lake Champlain. Activities included outdoor sports, nature walks, and living in cabins. Fun was had by all!

Community Outreach

VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. After more than a year of development, an accessible tactile sign is slated to be installed in Burlington's Waterfront Park by the end of 2023. Additionally, the New Americans Project will soon offer free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the agency provided services to a total of 1,083 Vermont residents. This total includes 6 adults and 1 student in Clarendon, and 102 adults and 13 students in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at *sgougher@vabvi.org*. Thank you very much for your support!

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VCIL Vermont Center for Independent Living

People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights

October 30, 2023

Heidi Congdon, Treasuruer
Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

Dear Ms. Congdon and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Clarendon for our FY'24.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Clarendon in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting $245.00 from the Town of Clarendon to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'24 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Sarah Launderville

Sarah Launderville
Executive Director
slaunderville@vcil.org

Enclosures

11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
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NewStory
CENTER

TURNING THE PAGE ON VIOLENCE

NewStory Center Annual Report 2023

For 44 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY23, NewStory Center served 674 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Clarendon for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of $425, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2024, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Clarendon have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **8 residents of Clarendon** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

NewStory Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • www.nscvt.org
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Rutland Area ARC

Advocacy * Resources * Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

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September 28, 2023

Clarendon Town Clerk
279 Middle Rd.
North Clarendon, VT 05759

Re: Town Appropriations 2024

Dear Ms. Menard:

ARC Rutland Area (Advocacy, Resources and Community) Executive Director, Staff and Board of Director's appeal to the town of Clarendon to be placed on your March 2024 ballot for funding.

ARC Rutland Area's primary mission is to support community inclusion and social opportunities for local citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This mission is supported by facilitating two internal local clubs, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE-R) and the Aktion Club; holding social events including five themed dances; the Great Outdoor Initiative providing outdoor activities with local partners; Representative Payee Services (for those who cannot manage their own funds); attending state and local meetings to keep informed of issues that affect the population we serve. With a generous grant from Marble Valley Regional Transportation, ARC is able to provide transportation for our members to attend these events, the educational and recreational activities.

ARC employs one full-time and one part-time staff member. The office and programming are supported by volunteers and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors. We do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming. We rely on the support of Rutland County, along with grants and fundraisers to support our services.

Our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for past 65 Years. Typically, over 1,000 individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually.

ARC Rutland Area is submitting its annual request of $1,500.00. Thank you for your continued support. If you or anyone has questions or comments, please call us at 802-775-1370.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Drake,
Executive Director

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(802) 442-5436

November 13, 2023

Town of Clarendon
c/o Heidi Congdon
P.O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

Dear Town Officials,

This is a request from the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for $1300.00 in funding in your FY25 budget. This is the same level of funding we requested and received last year. If approved, this funding will be used to help support the work we do on behalf of Clarendon residents.

The enclosed document provides a brief description of the services the Council on Aging provided to older Vermonters in your community over the last year and is designed for use in your town report. Please contact me if you have any questions about any of this information.

We sincerely appreciate the past support that we have received from the town of Clarendon, and we hope that we can, once again, count on support from your community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Greene

Rosemary Greene, Executive Director
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Rutland County
Restorative Justice Center

50 Center Street | Rutland, VT 05701
Telephone 802.775.2479 | Fax 802.786.8890
rutlandrestorativejustice.org

November 7, 2023
Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
279 Middle Road
Clarendon, VT 05759

Greetings to the Town of Clarendon:
The Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (doing business as Rutland County Restorative Justice Center) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency (EIN 03-0279824) that is requesting to be included on the Clarendon town appropriation for $500. We greatly appreciate the town's consideration and hope to work together in fiscal year 2025.

Our agency strives to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and those with mental health and substance use treatment needs. We focus on fostering accountability, repairing the harm caused by crime, skills development, and connection to treatment and education.

In fiscal year 2023 the RCRJC's seven programs served 503 participants who chose community support and accountability over the traditional criminal justice system. All our programs are voluntary and therefore this choice was made entirely based around people bettering themselves and their community. The RJRJC helped: 121 people connect with volunteers to address the harm they caused in the community through restorative panels; 134 adjudicated, at-risk, or truant youth work to improve school/appointment attendance, therapeutic treatment engagement, one-to-one support and community-based visits, case plan and court hearing support, coping skills, time management, and community and family connections; 79 victims of crime have connection to the crime on their own terms; 71 people work towards reduced fines, violation issues, and reinstatement of their driver's licenses; 66 youth aged 16-21 participate and complete the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program that identifies and educates youth about dangers of substances for which they received varying violations; 54 people seek substance misuse treatment and mental health care related to the "why" of their criminal behavior; 32 people who are incarcerated screen for services/programs that would aid them in not re-offending; 25 youth complete the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) to determine risks and needs.

Our proposed language for the ballot would be:
Article: Shall the Town of Clarendon vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of $500.00 for the support of Rutland County Restorative Justice Center to provide services to residents of the Town.

Our agency has served Rutland County for decades, and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community members for many more years to come. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Maggie Ganguly
Executive Director, Rutland County Restorative Justice Center
50 Center Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701 | (802) 775-2479 | info@rutlandrestorativejustice.org

Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
170 South Main Street, Ste. 4, Rutland, VT 05701
802-775-8034 ext. 117

November 30, 2023

Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
N. Clarendon, VT 05759-0030

Dear Select Board,

As in previous years, the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) is seeking a contribution from District Towns to support our many conservation programs/projects. We are a non-profit organization servicing the Upper Otter Creek watershed, dedicated to providing on-the ground conservation assistance as well as promoting public awareness and appreciation for the value, responsible use, development, and conservation of our natural resources. We respectfully request a $250.00 contribution to support our 2024 program.

With funding through the State's Clean Water Initiative Program and Lake Champlain Basin Program, last year, among other services, the District:

- Received a final design for a Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) at West Seminary Street Public Park in the Town of Brandon. This park includes a basketball court, playing field and dog park.
  The design was completed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC.

- Received funding to work with the Town of West Rutland to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP).
  The overall objective is to provide the Town with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Clarendon River watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in a cost-efficient and targeted manner.

- Is continuing to work with the Town of Proctor to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP).
  The overall objective is to provide the Town with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Otter Creek watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in a cost-efficient and targeted manner.

- Worked to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation throughout the District.
  These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other assessments/reports.

We would greatly appreciate your support. We are not able to personally petition each town within the District, so we ask that this contribution be included in the Select Board's 2024 budget. Please let me know if you need an invoice.

Enclosed is an abbreviated version of our FY2023 Annual Report for your town report.
Please contact me at nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net with any questions or concerns. We would also like to invite you to visit our website at https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland/

Sincerely,

Nanci J. McGuire

Nanci J. McGuire, RNRCD, Manager

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you."

~ Dr. Jane Goodall

Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

Thank You Clarendon
for helping keep Vermont a beautiful place to live, work & play!

Your contribution makes a difference
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

Green Up Vermont
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Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.

Appropriation Request Letter

Oct. 12, 2023

Dear Residents of Clarendon

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with a 20% increase in volunteers (23,500) who picked up 348 TONS of trash and 15,000 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe, healthy, and economically vibrant places to live.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about and get involved in their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 54th year, we are again requesting your support for the usual $150.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

Population	*$ Request*
• 0- 1,000	$50
• 1001 - 2000	$100
• 2001 - 3000	$150
• 3001 – 4,000	$200
• 4,001 up	$300

This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2024, May 4th** - its bound to be out-of-this-world! Also look for information about our very special VT Top to Bottom Green Up as we try for a Guinness Book of Records record.

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

September 28, 2023

Town of Clarendon
Gloria Menard
PO Box 30
Clarendon, VT 5759

Dear Select Board,
The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a "one-stop shop" to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Clarendon and throughout the state, with an appropriation of $250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Clarendon where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1000 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference, and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 7000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Manager
Vermont Family Network

American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

December 29, 2023

Town of Clarendon
Attn: Select Board
PO Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

Dear Members of the Clarendon Select Board,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **700 homes safer** by installing **2,177** smoke detectors and educating **897** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **42,950 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **133,100 units of blood.** Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Clarendon. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of* ***$1,000.00.*** These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Rutland County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Lauren Jordan

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

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Burlington, VT 05401

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Concord, NH 03301

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Portland, ME 04101

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American Red Cross of Northern New England

RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT TO

The Town of Clarendon

2023

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2023.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 12 animals from the Town of Clarendon from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

TOWN HOURS, MEETING SCHEDULES and PERMITS

OFFICE	HOURS	
Town Clerk Office	Monday thru Thursday	10 AM – 4PM
Transfer Station	Tuesday & Thursday	10 AM – 5PM
	Saturday	8 AM – 1 PM
Bailey Memorial Library	Monday	5 PM – 7 PM
	Tuesday & Wednesday	11 AM – 4 PM
	Thursday	11 AM – 7 PM
	Saturday	9 AM – 2 PM

MEETING SCHEDULES

Select Board	2nd & 4th Monday of each month 6 PM at the Clarendon Town Hall
Clarendon Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30 PM at the Clarendon Town Hall

PERMITS

Building permits are required for all types of building – new additions, new decks, change of use, and in-ground swimming pools. For questions regarding permits, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Kevin Dougherty, at 802-683-9984 or clarendon.zoning@comcast.net

Burn permits contact Clayton Rockwell, Clarendon Forest Fire Warden at 775-2074 or 558-1879 or contact Clarendon's deputy Forest Fire Warden TJ Lacz 770-2210.